GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INDIA AS A DESTINATION FOR SPECIALISED TREATMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is fast emerging as a destination for specialised treatment due to its efficient and low-cost medical facilities;

(b) if so, the number of foreigners who visited India during the last two years for treatment in various Hospitals;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to extend infrastructural facilities to African countries in building their health care system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the countries which have shown their interest in seeking help from India in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A large number of foreigners particularly from the African countries have been visiting India in the recent years to make use of the low cost quality treatment provided by Indian Hospitals.

(c) & (d): Government of India has been providing assistance from time to time under bilateral agreement to help African countries in the field of Health.

(e): The following countries have expressed their interest to take help from India as evident in the India - Africa Health Summit organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Department of Commerce, Government of India - Ghana, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Kenya, Morocco, Angola and Zimbabwe, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Health Sector has also been signed with Seychelles, Sudan and Tanzania.